

**Land & Water
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LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE and TIME: Friday, April 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Rm. 2 (second floor)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rudolph, Petroskey, Matteson, Martinson, Kuczmarski, and Hansen

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Hollands, Jean Hansen, Barb Payne, Fred Heider, Cindy Gretzinger, and John Gillen

1. Meeting was called to order in the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room 2 at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Rudolph, who indicated that this meeting is a public meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee, which was properly posted and the media was notified.

2. **MOTION (Matteson/Petroskey), to approve the minutes of the March 10th meeting and the current agenda. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

3. Set date for next meeting – The committee set the April meeting for Monday April 24th at 1:30 p.m. and the May meeting for Wednesday May 17th at 1:30 p.m. and the Land & Water Resource Management Plan Meeting for Friday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m.

4. Public comments – There were no comments

5. Tree Shipping Account/Tree Planter Rental – John Gillen, DNR, reported that approximately 69,000 trees were ordered. Oneida County will receive 50,000 trees and Forest County will receive 19,000 trees. Gillen presented a delivery plan that was proposed by the DNR in Marinette County. They would pick up and deliver Forest and Oneida County trees in their refrigerated truck. Marinette's refrigerated truck has the capacity to hold approximately 170,000 trees. Gillen stated that charges to the landowner would be at or below the 2005 cost. The DNR in Oneida County will collect the funds from each landowner. The monies will then be turned over to the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department to deposit in the tree shipping account. Oneida County would then issue one check to DNR in Marinette County for the total cost of delivering the landowner's trees. Gillen stated the trees would be delivered to the Rhineland Ranger Station on Thursday, April 27th.

Gillen informed the Committee that four landowners in Oneida County have expressed an interest in renting the tree planter this year. Matteson asked if a landowner could still order trees for delivery this spring. Gillen stated the trees should be ordered one week in advance of the shipping date. The trees are supplied from the DNR nursery in Hayward, WI. The trees are a mixture of half red pine and half white spruce. Gillen mentioned that Scott Leonardt would not be handling the tree shipping this year, as he will be working out of the Crandon DNR Office.

MOTION (Petroskey/Martinson), to hire the DNR in Marinette County to haul and deliver Oneida and Forest Counties trees. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Gillen stated the Oneida County DNR might be short of manpower this time of the year due to the upcoming fire season. Hollands stated that Jean Hansen, Conservation Specialist, would be available to help with distribution of the trees to the landowners at the DNR Ranger Station on April 28th.

6. LWCD Typist II Position Vacancy – Hollands gave a brief summary on the changes that have occurred in the Land and Water Conservation Department this past month. Lynn Houle, who has been the full-time secretary, has accepted a position with the Land Information Office as Property Description Technician. Hollands stated that the Secretary I position was then posted. Barb Payne, who was in the Typist II position, signed for and was promoted to the Secretary I position. The next step is getting the Land and Water Conservation Committee's authorization for the Typist II vacancy. The LRES Committee will also have to approve the Typist II position. Once the Typist II position is approved by both committees, we can proceed with filling the position. **MOTION (Matteson/Hansen) to approve filling the part-time Typist II position vacancy with an updated job description. Motion carried, all voting aye. MOTION (Matteson/Martinson) to provide authorization for Rudolph to attend the LRES committee meeting with Hollands on April 11th. If Rudolph can't attend, then he should contact another committee member who would be able to attend. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

7. DATCP Grant Application for calendar year 2007 – Hollands reported that the Land and Water Conservation Department is requesting \$100,000.00 for the Cost Share Program. The base funding level for staffing is \$85,00.00 for 2007. We are eligible for \$129,018.00 if the monies were available. We should know by early August how much funding would be available for Oneida County in 2007. The total expenditures in 2005 were \$276,877.00 and the total revenues in 2005 were \$190,900.00. **MOTION (Petroskey/Martinson), that the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department request \$100,000.00 for their cost share projects for 2007 and to request \$129,018.00 to cover all staffing positions for 2007. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

8. Review Oneida County Land and Water Resource Management Plan – Fred Heider, North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, presented a draft outline for the new five year land and water resource management plan for Oneida County. Heider stated that the draft version of plan would be approximately fifty pages as recommended by the Land and Water Conservation Committee.

9. Discussion/questions/comment on the plan or the process - Rudolph suggested that Mike Romportl from the Land Information Office might be able to supply maps for the plan if needed.

Hollands suggested Dan Kuzlik of UWEX might be available for heading a Citizens Advisory Committee. Martinson suggested Mark Patulski might be interested in serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee, and Matteson suggested Lester Felbab. Jean Hansen stated that Harlan Bosacki of the Woodland Owners Association and Lynn Wilson of Plum Creek Timberlands might also be interested in serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

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Jean/Hollands stated that they would contact a local cranberry grower to represent that group. Rod Kuczmariski will contact Sowinski Potato Farms for representation. Petroskey stated Bryan Pierce, Northwoods Land Trust, works in these specific areas and might be interested in being on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Cedric Vig was also suggested as a very knowledgeable person who may also be interested in being on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

The names that were mentioned to serve on the technical committee were:

Nancy Hollands (Land and Water Conservation); Karl Jennrich (Planning and Zoning); John Bilogan (Forestry); Julie Malvitz (NRCS); Manny Oradei, DNR (School Forest Representative); Tom Blake (DNR); and Kathy Sutliff (Health Concerns).

Fred Heider said he would provide assistance with the Power Point presentation if the County Conservationist needed it. The new five-year plan is due in October of 2006.

10. Items for the next meeting agenda – Land and Water Resource Management Plan

11. Other items (for discussion only)

12. Adjourn – **With all business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. by motion of Petroskey, seconded by Matteson. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Thomas Rudolph
Chairman

Nancy Hollands
County Conservationist